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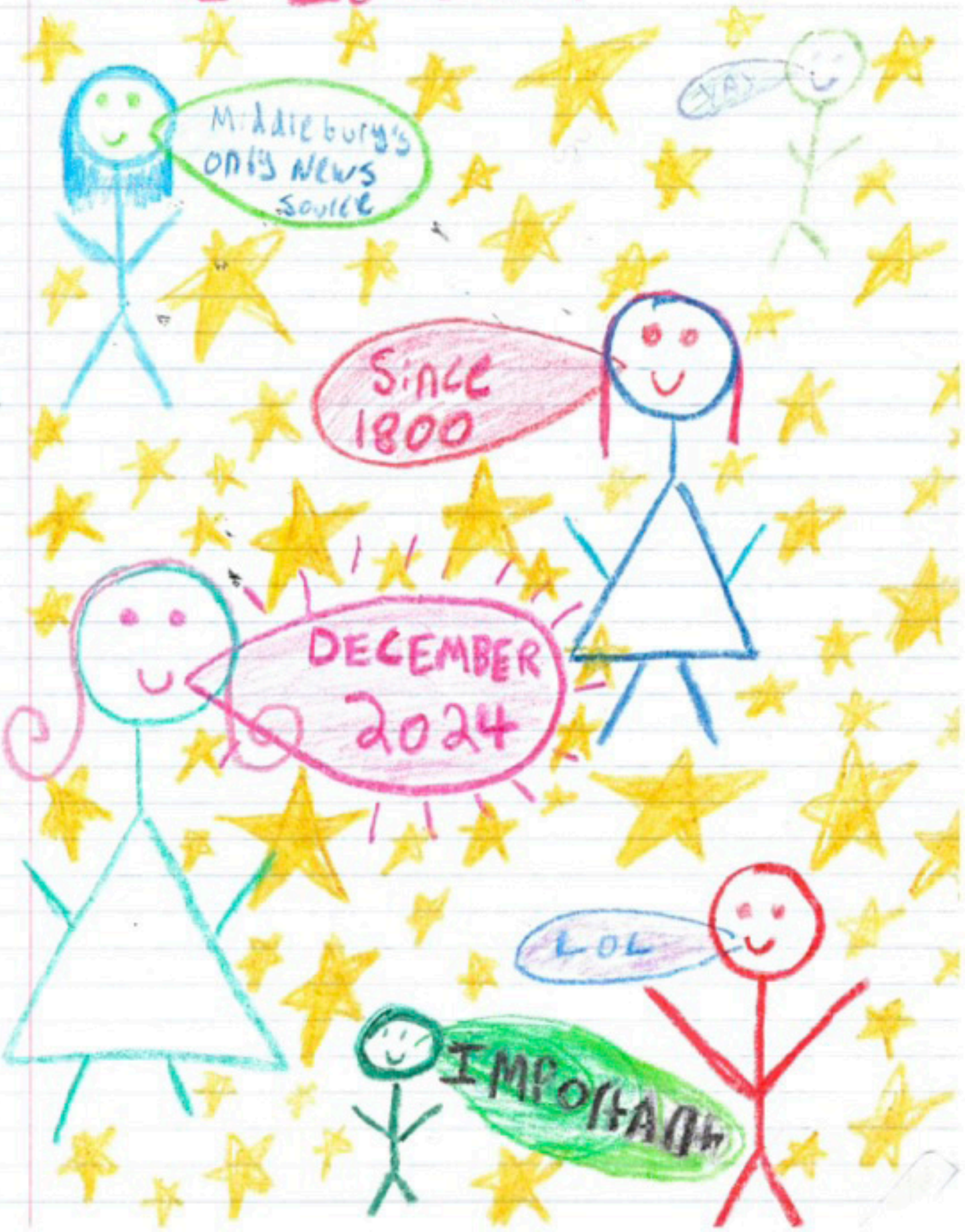

## *Special Report: Why the EEE Virus Failed to Catch On*

After a summer of excitement, the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and its supporters faced a decisive defeat. Now, all that is left to do is look back on where EEE went wrong, and the key mistakes it made.

First of all, EEE was burdened by its predecessor. Infectious disease lovers were feeling let down by their previous candidate, Malaria, an old, uninspiring illness with little presence in the US. This summer, much to the surprise of the Northeast, Malaria stepped down, allowing for EEE to take charge. It was a summer of excitement and hope for Triple E's supporters, and people were thrilled to have a change of pace from Malaria. However, many would-be disease havers had trouble making the distinction between it and the former and felt that EEE did not do enough to carve its own path in the crowded, jungle-like world of mosquito-borne diseases.

Secondly, Triple E made critical mistakes of focusing too hard on some potential patients and missing out on key demographics. At Middlebury College in particular, the virus overfocused on Cross Country Runners. These skinny, flimsy, oh so exposed, little athletes seemed like an excellent target for EEE's army of skeeters, but, the virus failed to account for the fact that nobody noticed when they died. In fact, in many cases, their losses weren't even included in the statewide total mortality rates.

Finally, EEE suffered from a lack of name recognition. An exit poll of potential hosts for the virus revealed that a shocking 55% of respondents believed that EEE stood for "Elicit Equine Edging." With this dirty-minded acronym taking up priceless mental territory, it's no surprise that the virus failed to make significant headway in terms of people affected. We can only hope that the next hopeful virus learns from EEE's mistakes in order to better capture the imagination of the infectable public.


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## Prem Prakash Appointed Spirituality Czar

Today the Trump Administration announced that it will be appointing Middlebury Athletics-affiliated yoga instructor Prem Prakash as Chief Spirituality Czar. In his new role, Prakash will be tasked with overseeing all spiritual activity in the US that Stephen Miller can't say without his hair catching on fire, such as Hinduism, meditation, and kindness.

When asked to justify their pick, officials explained that Prakash was chosen in an effort to bring some diversity to Trump's cabinet. "At first we were a little worried, considering his name sounds so ethnic," said Ly Sandbogus, Trump's current press secretary. "But when we found out that he was just a white guy from Philly, the process moved right along."

Prem Pakash's first day on the job, however, proved tricky. While leading the President and senior Republicans in his well-known yoga routine, many older members got stuck on their backs during the reclining wide-leg stretch. "I just kinda forgot that Mitch McConnell is actually a turtle," said an embarrassed Prakash. "I shouldn't have let him get flipped over." Further still, 91-year-old Senator Chuck Grassley has still not woken up from the traditional meditation that follows the yoga routine. "He's just asleep," maintained Senator Ince Libate when asked about the thin Republican majority three days later.

In a surprise to no one, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Prakash have already hit it off. The two impressively jacked older men were seen together at the White House gym last weekend, comparing deadlift form and brainstorming how to increase fertility rates. "All energy lines can be traced to the feet," mused the always barefoot Prakash. "Make sure to stretch your feet."

Prakash's next test will come at his confirmation hearing, where he will have to explain that as a lifelong socialist democrat from Vermont, he is really just the physical embodiment of Bernie Sanders' karma.

# THE CLOSET REPORT: Theo McDonough '27

You know that boy who just looks like he's the embodiment of having your life together? You know, "That Boy"? If you do, then you'll know that his name is actually Theo McDonough, class of '27. One blustery day, we met him for a refreshing sip of water in Ross and listened raptly as he walked us through his style journey.

"I've been familiar with clothes since I was born. This lifelong knowledge has made me really comfortable with the idea of putting them on, which has definitely helped a lot when it's time to get dressed," Theo explained. "I like to wear my gray long-sleeve when I study, when I socialize with friends, or even when I go to the gym. It's a really versatile piece, which is why I ordered four hundred of them straight from TJ Maxx's Malaysian supplier."

When asked his thoughts on pants, Theo was decisive: "I wear them."

As Theo threaded his way through the Ross complex back to his Hadley abode, this journalist could not help but detect a seductive odor emanating from his person. "Oh yeah, that's my favorite cologne, Alaskan Musk," he explained. Ostensibly smelling of the wilderness from which he spawned – though this author has never been to Alaska and cannot independently verify – Theo applies it liberally every morning because it "intimidates predators."

When it comes to living spaces, Theo is a strong believer that a clean room leads to a quiet mind. "I find sleeping directly on the mattress to be the most beneficial to my back." When asked if he owns bedsheets, a faraway look permeated the young man's eyes, and he responded, "I did, once."

Time flies when you're having fun, and fly it did as Theo walked us through his extensive jewelry collection. "I didn't buy any of these items," he confessed, holding up a bedazzled necklace with the name OLIVIA on it, one of his favorite pieces. "I tend to lurk in the corners of Atwater parties with my giant magnet, waiting to see what comes to me."

By this point, night had fallen, and the full moon shone brightly from the window. As a single ray of moonlight hit his gray crewneck, our subtle fashion icon urged us to leave. "It's time – the Change – it's coming," he wheezed, ushering us out the door. "See you at the next Noodle meeting!"

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An elegant campus property with street access and beautiful view of the Middlebury Chapel hill. Its lavish limestone exterior was built in 1941, while it boasts a recently renovated modern interior.

# Battell Beach Returned to the Abenaki People

**Battell Beach looks a little different now that it has been returned to its original stewards, the Abenaki people.**

After instructors at the Abenaki Summer Language Program caused a stir by refusing to teach any words that were not "Give us back our fucking land," Middlebury College has announced that it will be returning Battell Beach to its rightful owners.

Walking onto the repurposed Flo Rida stage in traditional Spirit Halloween headdress, and ripping a sheet of paper out of the native representative's hands, Middlebury trustee Olde Guye read a new land acknowledgment: "Please do not stop, please do not acknowledge, this check bout to drop and we are giving back part of this college. The Western Ah..ahben..abenak…ahhbenakeee? Will care for this sacred ground once again. We are all once again connected, and we can continue the extreme motion and embodied experience of the grindset we hold as one, native Middlebury community. Namaste!"

Along with the land itself, and in order to make up for centuries of oppression, hardship, and cruelty, the College has promised to install a river, several teepees native to the western Sioux tribe, a few gear room tents, and a Midd Express that sells the same things at triple the price.

"It feels good to do good, doesn't it?" Guye exclaimed to raucous applause. "May the Abenaki enjoy their reclaimed land (and not step a foot out of bounds at risk of legal action)!"

# Middlebury Mechanic Club Inspires Panther Plumbers Club

The recent launch of Middlebury's Mechanics Club has brought about another new student organization: the Panther Plumbing Club. Together, these two organizations plan to address the chronic deficit of opportunities for campus' blue collar hobbyists.

Plumbing club founder Squish Squelch '27 described the club's inception: "When I saw that the mechanics club was forming, I was struck by inspiration! Here's a way to explore a new passion and gain unfettered access to the women's bathroom." Squelch went on to enthusiastically add, "I, too, could create an extracurricular that for some, allows them to eke out a meager subsistence based solely on hard work and gumption, but for me, is an excuse to mess around in the custodial closet!"

While the Mechanics Club has been running smoothly for several months, even getting their own faux-vintage monogrammed Carhartt uniforms and Bob the Builder-themed tool box, the Panther Plumbing Club has yet to attract the same attention. Squelch confessed, telling us, "Just as not one single Middlebury student would trust Midd Mechanics to fix their car, the students here have yet to take us up on our offer to unclog their toilets."

Luckily, after struggling to hit the 12,000 hours of practical experience necessary for a valid plumbing license, Squelch and his fellow aspiring plumbers have come up with an innovative solution to increase demand: guerilla-style attacks on the plumbing and gas systems of Middlebury's buildings. "Although you may vomit, feel dizzy, break out in blisters, faint, brain bleed, become schizophrenic, or even feel drowsy due to natural gas exposure, you won't actually die! Therefore, this is not a morally gray area. Plus, people suffering from acute gas exposure are even worse at fixing their own plumbing. Yet another reason to call us!"

# PubSafe Bans Solicitation at ADK Circle

In response to the waves of suspicious characters waiting around ADK Circle, Pubsafe has issued an official ban on all forms of solicitation in the area. In an all-school email, the Head of Pubsafe stated, "It is unfortunate that one of the most heavily trafficked areas of campus has become a hub for solicitation. To combat the droves of streetwalkers, we will now only allow cars to slow down to twenty miles per hour as passengers jump into the moving vehicles."

The Noodle interviewed one of the new policy's most vehement supporters, Prue Dish '26: "I was scared to drive by ADK before the ban. Every time I tried to pick up a friend for a quick Hannaford run, I was attacked by the longing stares of five to ten students provocatively leaning against the stone wall."

Leaving no stone unturned, the Noodle's top investigative journalist, Inherson Cooper, also reached out to the affected sex workers. One active worker, nicknamed 'The ADK Gigolo,' called out the campus's ignorance: "Most people have no idea how important we are to the community. They also don't know that under these baggy Dickies jeans are a pair of fishnets, thick thighs, and my amazingly fat ass."

Gigolo also raised concerns over how this decision would affect his well-being and those of fellow 'panthers of the night.' "When I wait for my clients at ADK, I am unstoppable. I am Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman. I am that sexy fish played by Angelina Jolie in Shark Tales. I am Jolene from Dolly Parton's hit song 'Jolene.' Without this job, I am just a lame Midd student."

Luckily for Gigolo, PubSafe's new ban will not be taken lying down. Insiders hinted that a protest of the ban will be held in the next few days led by the sex workers, SPECs, and a couple of TVT drivers.

# *Beloved Davis Cuck Chair Inspires Duplicates Across Campus*

**The cuck chair that started it all.**

In one of their newest plans to be incorporated into their forever expanding initiative, Middlebury's Disability Resource Center is preparing to install Cuck Chairs into every restroom on campus. According to ADA official Helen K., a "Cuck Chair" is a term used for any seating area that allows the Cuckold to comfortably observe their copulating peers. With Middlebury having the highest density of cuckolds per capita globally, this newest installment is an act of compassion. Like never before, these horny bastards won't have to keep sitting on the floor, ensuring a more inclusive environment.

After further investigation into the project, Noodle reporters discovered that this initiative originated in the Davis Family Library basement, where a misplaced chair in the corner of the bathroom became an essential part of so many students' lives. Longtime cuckold student Tashmy Selph '25 said that "it's really the only bathroom I've ever used. Four years of jorking and jawing at my peers … It's like being there, but with that safe 'I'm-just-watching' vibe." Now with this new initiative, male academic weapons won't be the only ones to indulge in autoeroticism. Cuckolds from all walks of life will be able to relieve themselves in every building, and won't have to feel judged for their submissive nature.

The administration is not just stopping with Cuck Chairs, but also plans to roll out many other accommodations for deviants on campus. For example, they plan to add new tables in Ross for our large population of dining hall secret-strokers, and even new Midd Glory Holes in McCullough that will be open to the whole town. It's really an exciting time on college campuses for cucks, cummies, and everyone alike!

# Op-Ed: Sex Advice from Someone Who Fucks

ENDORSED BY THE SPECS PANTHER (ARTIST'S APPROXIMATION PICTURED BELOW)

Ahaha so you think you're finally ready to thread the needle. As someone who's spent countless passionate nights entangled with too many lovers to remember (I mean it, I don't really remember haha), I'm your source of all things sex. Which obviously I've definitely had lots of for sure. So, to prepare you to get down and dirty, I've compiled a list of crucial tips that should be pretty helpful I hope:

- **Formulate while you fornicate:** Thinking about Pythagoras keeps you focused. If your endgame is C squared, A squared plus B squared will get you there.
- **Pick the lock:** Swing that thing like you're breaking into SkyZone.
- **Float your own boat:** Remember, the female orgasm is a myth propagated by third-wave feminists and lesbians. You do you and the doing will do.
- **Practice stoicism:** Refuse eye contact at all costs. A brown bag over the head helps with this part.
- **Use loob(?):** I don't know what this is but it comes up a lot. Usually women ask if I have it and then I say no. But it's totally chill. Anyway if you find out what this is get back to me.
- **Wrap it before you tap it:** Think of your future children. Athletic tape works best but an Ace bandage should do the trick.
- **Full belly, clear mind:** Getting the ring around the rosie takes work. Food is fuel.
- **Stand your ground:** If she asks you to give her head, say NO at all costs! She just wants to get you distracted so that she can play Geoguessr on her iPad.
- **Name your Noodle:** Women feel more inclined to trust "it" if it has a name. I suggest something Victorian and sophisticated like Agatha or Evelyn. Shows your tender, yet classy side.
- **Urgency:** Me and 21 Savage are always saying, I ain't mister right but I'm mister right now.

I think you shouldn't worry if you feel intimidated. With this tried and loosely tested list, I guarantee you will probably have sexcess. It's worked for me like around a billion times if I had to make a rough estimate. Beat the virgin allegations haha. Also tell me how it goes. Or like write it down maybe haha. Seriously. Lots of detail would be good. In a step-by-step list. Don't forget to send me it.

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OP-ED: HAS ANYONE SEEN A MEN'S SMALL BLACK PATAGONIA JACKET?, return to bjoseph@middlebury.edu

# RFK to Bring Back Mango Juul Pods

Contrary to his proclaimed ban on diet sodas and his vision of a country of raw milk drinkers, RFK has announced that if made Health Secretary, he plans to bring back the Mango Juul Pod to "gas stations near you."

After the FDA crackdown in 2018, Juul was forced to discontinue its most beloved Juul pod flavors due to their appeal to American youth. To supplement the lack of delicious flavors on the vape market, other brands stepped up, creating more adult-orientated flavors such as "frosted sour candy ice cream," "pussy pop peach," and "mother's milk mix."

RFK's decision to bring back Mango Juul Pods gives hope to millennial vapers everywhere, " I just haven't found anything that tastes as good as the Juul I first hit in my middle school bathroom during Pre-Algebra," says avid vaper and alumna Poppy Kornlung '20.

This decision is based on recent scientific research that has shown that Juulers from the age of 16-24 are 98% less likely to die from COVID-19 than non-Juulers over the age of 80. Additionally, in another recent study, the inhalation of Mango vape juice was found to be so damaging to brain tissue that it could kill brain-eating worms with just three puffs.

"I don't talk about my worms much anymore. But if I knew there was a fruity option with way fewer short-term side effects than a lobotomy, I would've opted for it," states RFK in an interview with The Local Noodle.

**The Geology Department has had enough and is packing up and leaving.**

# *Roommate Discovered to be Hosting Tapeworm*

A senior friend group has become a townhouse divided this week after one suspiciously slim member has been accused of hosting a tapeworm on their second floor shower wall.

"I don't have a tapeworm," said Tayp Wyrm Skinn-Ih '25. "You start to lose a little weight and look snatched as fuck and all the sudden it's, 'Tayp has ED this,' and 'Tayp has a parasite that.' Like, maybe I just finally hit my moment and my sometimes-friends switched up. Sorry, I look good? I don't know what to say."

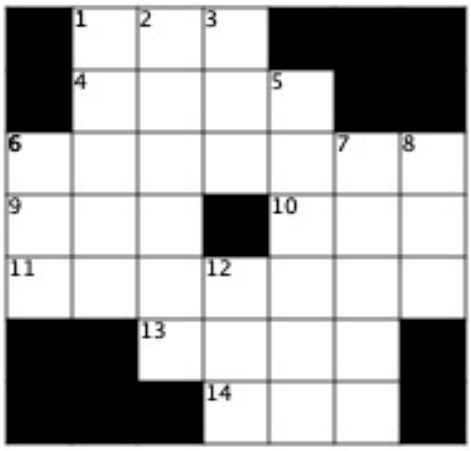
"I was happy for Skinn-Ih, forreal," said Enai Booler '25.5. "Like, do your thing. Who am I to judge? A diet's a diet." When asked what changed, Booler said it was the long hours in the bathroom. "It was the wack behavior for me. Like, put what you need to on the shower wall, but back-to-back hours on the toilet? Be respectful. Beauty is pain, not disrespect."

"I just can't deal with the lying," said Juhj Mehn-Thal Ahhfriend '25. "When I ask, 'What's that hanging out of your shorts, Skinn-Ih?' you don't say, 'Oh, nothing,' when you damn well know that's an ass-worm hanging out, dragging all over the floor." When asked if there were signs, Juhj Mehn-Thal said there were many. "They were never skinny like that. They just weren't. I'm not saying it's bad or anything, I'm just saying I was always the skinniest, always since we met freshman year and always the skinniest after. Some people don't have great metabolisms like me, and that's just fine. Just don't act like you're something you're not. It's ugly behavior."

# Noodle Games

## Jim's Crossword

By Jim



### ACROSS

1. Me
4. "___ from relevance" (what I will never do)
6. A not-so-good period in the American South for a while in the 20th century (Unaffiliated to me, just a coincidence that my name is involved...)
9. What I would be called if I were a DJ or maybe a pediatrician
10. ___ Jim!
11. What is in my hand sometimes when I'm drinking a delicious light beer
13. Mr. ____ers the cat (my favorite cat)
14. Where I go sometimes but not that much because I prefer running and when you say it it sounds like what my name sounds like its just that the letters are different so its a different word and a different thing but when you say it the sound is like just the same as what the sound is like when you say my name

### DOWN

1. Law ____ (but with an extra letter in front of it which is also the first letter of my name)
2. What am I?
3. Jim's favorite sketch comedy group on campus
5. Ok so this would be the middlebury email of my brother Eldrick (without the @middlebury.edu part) if you made the second letter of my last name the fourth, the third letter of my last name the second, and the fourth letter of my last name the thrid. I understand this may be difficult if you don't know how my last name is spelled, so feel free to consult the masthead!
6. If my name was "Jim Drusilla Ashcroft" these would be my initials
7. Acronym for the club on campus I'm planning on starting in a few years called "Outlandish Mystical Entities/Paranormal Manifestations""
8. This is a thing I do not support because it is bad and it is when two armies fight each other
12. I have two of these (my knees are on them)

# JIM'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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Hey guys! Hope you enjoyed my crossword. If you did, don't be afraid to connect with me on LinkedIn! This is my profile photo if you need help finding me. Okay bye!

# CONNECTIONS

Create four groups of four!

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| 1 Say Yes | 2 Morgan Stanley Days | 3 Chlamydia | 4 Slavoj Žižek Substack |
| 5 Autism | 6 ONLYFANS | 7 Language Tables | 8 Leprosy |
| 9 Sunday Night Environmental Group | 10 Cigarette Daydreams | 11 Makerspace | 12 Letterboxd Premium |
| 13 HIV | 14 Heart Shaped Box | 15 Infowars+ | 16 In the Aeroplane Over the Sea |

CONNECTIONS ANSWER KEY

Songs boys who will give you a UTI from the dirt under their nails will play at you before sex: 1, 10, 14, 16

Things on campus that are actually super intricate role play filled orgies: 2, 7, 9, 11

Diagnoses the health center made up for you because the nurse felt spiteful: 3, 5, 8, 13

# Forest Basement Thrift Celebrates Successful Opening Day

In an attempt to counteract Middlebury's consumerist culture, MCAB recently rebranded the Forest basement laundry room as a first come, first serve thrift store. Noodle reporters visited the Battell double of local slow fashion fanatic Dyb Chit '28, who was eager to show off his newly acquired items.

When arriving at Chit's door, there was an LED-lit poster flashing the words "Fashion Icons Only." When asked where this passion for fashion came from, he simply said "Ughh. So many clothes and even more styles," then proceeded to hit the infamous 'Momma Chick feeding Baby Chick' pose.

"My personal favorites have to be these swoosh socks and C.K. underwear. Always branded, nothing less. They are a little dirty, but I deadahh couldn't get enough," started Chit. "Oh, don't even get me started on this one. My school spirit is like no other, so I got myself a Midd waterpolo club shirt. MARCOO!" continued Chit.

When asked if he thought this was unfair for the people these pieces actually belonged to, he gave a moment of silence, lifted his head, and said "Whatever is still in the machines as soon as the cycle ends is fair game. The sound of that end-cycle beeping, dry or not, just brings me so much joy. It is what I live for," said Chit.

As our intrepid staff unzipped themselves from their hazmat suits and prepared to exit the chemical wasteland that was Chit's room, they caught one last glimpse of him jumping into a pile of clothes, never to see him again.

**Here's our ins and outs list, if you even care.**

# *Op-Ed: Noodle Does Not Support Child Marriage*

Satire is all well and good, but sometimes you have to get serious and take a stand. Sometimes, the moral outrages of our fallen world become too much for their victims to bear alone, and we who have voices are obliged to speak for the voiceless.

That is why today, the Noodle is taking a vigorous stance, a righteous stance, a stance that says "we care," on an issue that continues to unjustly affect so many victims: child marriage. The Noodle would like to announce that it unequivocally DOES NOT ENDORSE child marriage, specifically defined as when, like, kids marry grown ups and shit and so forth and so on. You know, like … yeah. Type shit.

We do not condemn child marriage. Like sometimes, I guess, like idk – I mean, there's like different cultures and shit I guess like idk. Lol. So, definitely don't want to condemn. We're just saying we, umm, like, don't endorse it.

Like we wouldn't do it ourselves. You know? But like whatever works for you man. But we don't endorse it, we're not telling you to go do it, because like, again – we wouldn't do it ourselves. No judgement though. Type shit.

In an age when the nation's oldest newspapers do not even have the spine to endorse a presidential candidate, we decided to be different. We might not have the circulation volume of legacy media – but what we lack in size we make up for in spirit.

So, uhh, yeah. Child marriage; we wouldn't do it. Like, you know – not our cup of tea. That being said you do you. We don't want to impose anything.